Recommendation	Action taken/position
	Today, China is the largest producer of tobacco in the world. In the recent years China has emerged as a major exporter of tobacco in the world and is competing with India in the international market. It is reported that China requires small quantities of Indian tobacco for blending purposes. Hence India at present is exporting tobacco to China ranging from 400 to 600 tons annually.

Expending Aquaculture in rice growing Areas of A.P.

1903. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether MPEDA has been making efforts to expand aquaculture in rice growing areas in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether MPEDA has made any environmental impact study of its move to encourage conversion of rice lands to aquaculture ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of National Marine Fishries Development Board

1904. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a "National Marine Fisheries Development Board" for the overall development of the fisheries sector in the country ;

(b) if so, by when indicating the number of 100 percent E.O.Us which have so far been set up in the fish processing sector/ the number of proposals cleared for the last two years indicating the total investment involved ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government earned foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 1,767 crores during 1992-93 in this sector, if so, what are the estimated earnings during the current financial year 1994-95 as compared to 1993-94 in foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir. This Ministery has no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The total exports of marine products during 1992-93 was Rs. 1,767 crores. During 1994-95 the estimated target is Rs. 2,720 crores. During 1993-94 the anticipated figure is Rs. 2,227 crores.

Removing export blockages of the Industry

1905. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have taken any decision with regard to the problems of the industry by removing some of the major export blockages in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government would make improvements in the duty exemption schemes ;

(d) whether the issue of licences on a repeat basis has been removed by Government ; and